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Federal Communications Commission
Comment in the Matter of WT Docket 05-235

Dear Sirs,

I would like to see the 5 wpm Morse code requirement retained for all Amateur license classes and the Extra class requirement again raised to 20 wpm.

Although Morse code operation does not necessarily make a good operator, the patience and concentration required are such good virtues that for a great many, it discourages those who have no knowledge, patience or respect for an institution that for the most part has been a success. What good can come of allowing easy access to ham licenses for those who consider the institution "irrelevant"?

Many operators continue to be astounded at the simplicity and utility of Morse Code CW operations despite a massive campaign against the mode from those who nothing of it and often belligerently refuse to. The time has come to turn a deaf ear to those who do not know Amateur radio and refuse to become part of it, but loudly proclaim their wish to be as long as there is no need to get involved in learning basic operator skills and courtesy.

Although I can't speak for situations in all population centers, and I openly apologize to those who do not engage in bad behaviors or who have been chased from the air because of them, I seem to find a common thread where those who believe their CB experience to qualify them to "talk" on any radio. Often this attitude is so emotional as to find those who embrace the CB experience (zero enforcement, King of the Hill, survival of the most offensive) openly antagonistic toward Amateur operators (and other Amateur operators).

I think the only way to appease this kind of belligerence would be to enact Code-free, license-free, enforcement-free requirements, and rename Amateur radio to CB. The only requirements then would be the technical requirement of chasing everyone else from your home channel (so that CB won't be competitive with pay services).

Thank you,
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